

REMARKS

This is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 and MPEP 714.16.

On **January 28, 2010**, a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-captioned patent application. The claims have been amended in order to correct informalities therein.

Pursuant to MPEP §714.16, it is Applicants' position that the amendment to dependent Claim 22 is a correction of an obvious typographical error and is a mere correction of a formal matter in the claim without changing the scope of the allowed claims.

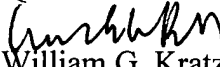
Furthermore, it is Applicants' position that such amendment to Claim 22, pursuant to MPEP §714.16: (1), is needed for proper disclosure or protection of Applicants' invention, and (2) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

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If for any reason, the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for a telephone conference in order to help expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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